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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF

SUBJECT: Satellite Imagery Resolution Study (SIRS)

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DCI from Gen. Keegan, Subj: Draft  
Executive Summary to the Satellite Resolution Study,  
20 June 1975, [Redacted]

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1. I appreciate the concern that was reflected in your memorandum. I understand that the published Executive Summary and the final drafts of the study have been made available to the Air Force through its member on the Working Group. I note that your major concerns were also emphasized in the Executive Summary. In this report the Steering Group included a specific recommendation that a larger flow of high resolution imagery is required and that no option that would provide a lesser quantity than now available should be selected. The report concludes that there is an interaction problem between different intelligence requirements and also stresses the need to evaluate [Redacted] performance [Redacted]. These concerns will be given due consideration in the ExCom decisions relating to our overhead imagery program.

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2. I realize there were significant contributions from many elements of the community including the Air Force. It was my intention for this study to include all major community participants; that is, the collectors, the processors, and the analytical and user communities. It was necessary to have this wide participation in order that the best judgments on the value of high resolution imagery would be available to the ExCom.

3. Please express my personal appreciation to the Air Force representatives who worked so diligently in the production of this study.

/s/ Bill

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